

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 466

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ronnie Shipp of
Hickman County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Ronnie Shipp; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shipp was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Shipp served with acumen and alacrity as a photographer, in which position he earned the respect of his colleagues and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a native of Centerville, Mr. Shipp was a 1972 graduate of Hickman County High School, where he was voted "Most Likely to Succeed"; and

WHEREAS, after working at Tencon for a period, Ronnie Shipp, along with his wife, took over his father's photography business, Shipp's Studio; and

WHEREAS, a talented artist with a keen eye for beauty, Mr. Shipp memorialized countless weddings, graduations, pageants, and family celebrations; and

WHEREAS, though numerous Hickman County families depended on Ronnie Shipp to preserve their family's precious moments, Mr. Shipp's favorite subject was far and away his son, Joseph; and

WHEREAS, active in his profession, Ronnie Shipp was a valuable member of the Professional Photographers of America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shipp was an avid supporter of youth and high school soccer, and the Hickman County High School Back Net Club, ever grateful for the Shipp's encouragement, established the Ronnie and Floy Shipp Scholarship Fund several years ago; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Shipp also loved to fly radio-controlled airplanes and was the President of the Hickman County Model Aviators; and

WHEREAS, a motorcyclist, Mr. Shipp was a member of the BMW Riders Association; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Shipp was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shipp enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 30 years, Floy Beth Springer Shipp, and was the proud father of their son, Joseph; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Shipp will also be dearly and daily missed by his mother, Hazel Fain Shipp, his sister, Betty Breece, his brother, Joe T. Shipp, and his several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shipp leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Ronnie Shipp, reflecting fondly upon his

impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Shipp.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.